

REMARKS

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action dated January 11, 2005, which has a shortened statutory period set to expire April 11, 2005. A two-month extension, extending the period of response until June 11, 2005, is requested in a petition filed herewith.

Claims

Claims 1-20 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over Claims 1-34 of U.S. Patent No. 6,686,631, issued February 3, 2004 to King et al. (hereinafter "King").

Without making any comment as to the validity of the rejection, Applicant submits a terminal disclaimer herewith to advance prosecution of the Application. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of Claims 1-20.

CONCLUSION

Claims 1-20 are pending in the present Application. Reconsideration and allowance of these claims is respectfully requested.

If there are any questions, please telephone the undersigned at (408) 451-5903 to expedite prosecution of this case.

Respectfully submitted,



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